

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ESTABLISHING GLOBAL TRUST  
BRIDGE FOR MULTIPLE TRUST AUTHORITIES**

**ABSTRACT**

A system is provided for authenticating messages between at least two parties  
5 that do not share a common trust provider, such as a certificate authority. Thus, a third party  
can be used to span trust between the parties by providing a common shared trust.

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